

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3293
OFFERED BY MS. BLUNT ROCHESTER OF
DELAWARE**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Low-Income Water
3 Customer Assistance Programs Act of 2021”.

**4 SEC. 2. LOW-INCOME DRINKING WATER ASSISTANCE PRO-
5 GRAM.**

6 Part E of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
7 300j et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

**9 “SEC. 1459E. LOW-INCOME DRINKING WATER ASSISTANCE
10 PROGRAM.**

11 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
13 tity’ means—

14 “(A) a community water system that is
15 owned or operated by a municipality, other than
16 a small community-serving water system; or

1 “(B) a State, with respect to a small com-
2 munity-serving water system located in the
3 State.

4 “(2) HOUSEHOLD.—The term ‘household’
5 means any individual or group of individuals who
6 are living together as 1 economic unit.

7 “(3) LOCAL DRINKING WATER ACCESS PRO-
8 GRAM.—The term ‘local drinking water access pro-
9 gram’ means a program developed or implemented
10 by an eligible entity using a grant awarded under
11 this section.

12 “(4) LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD.—The term
13 ‘low-income household’ means a household—

14 “(A) in which 1 or more individuals are re-
15 ceiving—

16 “(i) assistance under a State program
17 funded under part A of title IV of the So-
18 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

19 “(ii) supplemental security income
20 payments under title XVI of the Social Se-
21 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

22 “(iii) supplemental nutrition assist-
23 ance program benefits under the Food and
24 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et
25 seq.); or

1 “(iv) payments under—

2 “(I) section 1315, 1521, 1541, or
3 1542 of title 38, United States Code;
4 or

5 “(II) section 306 of the Veterans’
6 and Survivors’ Pension Improvement
7 Act of 1978 (38 U.S.C. 1521 note;
8 Public Law 95–588); or

9 “(B) that has an income that—

10 “(i) as determined by the State in
11 which the household is located, does not
12 exceed the greater of—

13 “(I) an amount equal to 150 per-
14 cent of the poverty level; and

15 “(II) an amount equal to 60 per-
16 cent of the State median income for
17 that State; or

18 “(ii) does not exceed an amount, de-
19 termined by an eligible entity receiving a
20 grant under this section, that—

21 “(I) is lower than the amount de-
22 scribed in clause (i); and

23 “(II) is greater than or equal to
24 110 percent of the poverty level.

1 “(5) POVERTY LEVEL.—The term ‘poverty
2 level’ means, with respect to a household in a State,
3 the income described in the poverty guidelines issued
4 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
5 pursuant to section 673 of the Community Services
6 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902), as applicable to
7 the household.

8 “(6) SMALL COMMUNITY-SERVING WATER SYS-
9 TEM.—The term ‘small community-serving water
10 system’ means a community water system that pro-
11 vides drinking water services to a municipality with
12 a population of fewer than 10,000 residents, at least
13 20 percent of whom are at or below the poverty
14 level.

15 “(7) STATE MEDIAN INCOME.—The term ‘State
16 median income’ has the meaning given that term in
17 section 2603 of the Low-Income Home Energy As-
18 sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8622).

19 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-
21 tablish a Federal low-income drinking water assist-
22 ance program to award grants to eligible entities to
23 develop and implement local drinking water access
24 programs to assist low-income households in main-
25 taining access to affordable drinking water.

1 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL COMMUNITY-
2 SERVING WATER SYSTEMS.—In order for a State to
3 be eligible to receive a grant under this section for
4 a small community-serving water system, the State
5 and the small community-serving water system shall
6 enter into a memorandum of understanding, under
7 which the State shall—

8 “(A) submit to the Administrator an appli-
9 cation under paragraph (6) for the small com-
10 munity-serving water system; and

11 “(B) on receipt of a grant under this sec-
12 tion, develop and implement a local drinking
13 water access program for the small community-
14 serving water system.

15 “(3) LIMITATIONS.—A grant awarded under
16 this subsection—

17 “(A) shall not be used to replace funds for
18 any existing similar local program to assist low-
19 income households in maintaining access to af-
20 fordable drinking water; but

21 “(B) may be used to supplement or en-
22 hance such a local program.

23 “(4) TERM.—The term of a grant awarded
24 under this subsection shall be one year.

1 “(5) MINIMUM LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6
4 months after the date of enactment of this sec-
5 tion, the Administrator shall develop, in con-
6 sultation with relevant stakeholders, the min-
7 imum requirements for a local drinking water
8 access program.

9 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The local drinking
10 water access program requirements developed
11 under subparagraph (A) may include—

12 “(i) direct financial assistance;

13 “(ii) a lifeline rate;

14 “(iii) bill discounting;

15 “(iv) special hardship provisions;

16 “(v) a percentage-of-income payment
17 plan;

18 “(vi) water efficiency assistance, in-
19 cluding subsidizing the cost of the installa-
20 tion of water efficient fixtures or leak re-
21 pair work that is carried out or contracted
22 by a homeowner; or

23 “(vii) any other form of assistance
24 identified by the Administrator.

25 “(6) APPLICATION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To receive a grant
2 under this subsection, an eligible entity shall
3 submit to the Administrator an application that
4 demonstrates that—

5 “(i) the proposed local drinking water
6 access program meets the requirements de-
7 veloped under paragraph (5); and

8 “(ii) the proposed local drinking water
9 access program will treat households that
10 live in owner-occupied homes and house-
11 holds that live in rental housing equitably.

12 “(B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In
13 the case of an eligible entity described in sub-
14 section (a)(1)(A), to receive a grant under this
15 subsection, the eligible entity shall include in an
16 application submitted under subparagraph (A)
17 information demonstrating that—

18 “(i) the eligible entity has—

19 “(I) a long-term financial plan
20 based on an analysis of the rates the
21 applicable community water system
22 charges for drinking water services;

23 “(II) an asset management plan;

1 “(III) a capital improvement plan
2 with a period of not less than 20
3 years;

4 “(IV) a fiscal management plan;
5 or

6 “(V) another plan similar to the
7 plans described in subclauses (I)
8 through (IV);

9 “(ii) a grant awarded under this sub-
10 section would support the efforts of the eli-
11 gible entity to generate the necessary funds
12 to achieve or maintain compliance with this
13 Act while mitigating the cost to low-income
14 households; and

15 “(iii) the eligible entity has the capac-
16 ity to create and implement an effective
17 community outreach plan to inform low-in-
18 come households of the local drinking
19 water access program and assist with en-
20 rollment.

21 “(7) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
22 subsection, the Administrator shall give priority to
23 applications for local drinking water access pro-
24 grams with respect to which—

1 “(A) the owner or operator of the applica-
2 ble community water system—

3 “(i) owns or operates a—

4 “(I) treatment works (as defined
5 in section 212 of the Federal Water
6 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
7 1292)) for municipal waste; or

8 “(II) a municipal separate storm
9 sewer system (as such term is used in
10 the Federal Water Pollution Control
11 Act); and

12 “(ii) is subject to a consent decree re-
13 lating to compliance with the Federal
14 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
15 1251 et seq.) with respect to a treatment
16 works or system described in clause (i);

17 “(B) the residential customers of the appli-
18 cable community water system have experienced
19 rate or fee increases for drinking water services
20 or wastewater services (including stormwater
21 services) of 30 percent or more during the 3-
22 year period ending on the date of enactment of
23 this section; or

1 “(C) the eligible entity will provide match-
2 ing funds in an amount equal to or greater
3 than the amount of the grant.

4 “(8) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of re-
6 ceiving a grant under this subsection, an eligi-
7 ble entity shall submit to the Administrator, in
8 a manner determined by the Administrator, in-
9 formation regarding the applicable local drink-
10 ing water access program, including—

11 “(i) key features, including—

12 “(I) rate structures, rebates, dis-
13 counts, and related initiatives that as-
14 sist low-income households;

15 “(II) billing methods that aver-
16 age rates over the course of a year,
17 known as ‘budget billing’;

18 “(III) bill timing; and

19 “(IV) procedures that ensure
20 that households receive notice and an
21 opportunity to respond before service
22 is disconnected or interrupted due to
23 nonpayment;

24 “(ii) sources of funding;

25 “(iii) eligibility criteria;

1 “(iv) participation rates by house-
2 holds;

3 “(v) the average amount of assistance
4 provided to low-income households that
5 participate in the program;

6 “(vi) program costs;

7 “(vii) the demonstrable impacts of the
8 program on arrearage and service dis-
9 connection for low-income households that
10 participate in the program, based on data
11 from before and after the implementation
12 of the program, to the maximum extent
13 practicable; and

14 “(viii) other relevant information re-
15 quired by the Administrator.

16 “(B) PUBLICATION.—The Administrator
17 shall annually publish a report that compiles
18 and summarizes the information submitted
19 under subparagraph (A).

20 “(9) ASSISTANCE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.—
21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, assist-
22 ance provided to a low-income household under a
23 local drinking water access program shall not be in-
24 cludible in the gross income of the recipient of such

1 assistance for purposes of the Internal Revenue
2 Code of 1986.

3 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator
4 shall provide technical assistance to each eligible entity
5 that receives a grant under this section to ensure—

6 “(1) full implementation of the applicable local
7 drinking water access program; and

8 “(2) maximum enrollment of low-income house-
9 holds in the applicable local drinking water access
10 program, including through—

11 “(A) community outreach campaigns; or

12 “(B) coordination with local health depart-
13 ments to determine the eligibility of households
14 for assistance.

15 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
16 on which grant funds are first disbursed to an eligible enti-
17 ty under this section, and annually thereafter, the Admin-
18 istrator shall submit to Congress a report on the results
19 of the Federal program established under this section.

20 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$4,000,000,000, to remain available until expended.”.

1 **SEC. 3. LOW-INCOME WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.**

2 Title I of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
3 (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following:

5 **“SEC. 124. LOW-INCOME WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE PRO-**
6 **GRAM.**

7 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 “(1) COVERED FACILITY.—The term ‘covered
9 facility’ means—

10 “(A) a treatment works for municipal
11 waste; or

12 “(B) a municipal separate storm sewer
13 system.

14 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-
15 tity’ means—

16 “(A) a municipality that owns or operates
17 a covered facility, other than a small commu-
18 nity-serving wastewater facility;

19 “(B) 2 or more municipalities described in
20 subparagraph (A) that have entered into a part-
21 nership agreement or a cooperative agreement;
22 or

23 “(C) a State, with respect to a small com-
24 munity-serving wastewater facility located in
25 the State.

1 “(3) HOUSEHOLD.—The term ‘household’
2 means any individual or group of individuals who
3 are living together as 1 economic unit.

4 “(4) LOCAL WASTEWATER SERVICES ACCESS
5 PROGRAM.—The term ‘local wastewater services ac-
6 cess program’ means a program developed or imple-
7 mented by an eligible entity using a grant awarded
8 under this section.

9 “(5) LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD.—The term
10 ‘low-income household’ means a household—

11 “(A) in which 1 or more individuals are re-
12 ceiving—

13 “(i) assistance under a State program
14 funded under part A of title IV of the So-
15 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

16 “(ii) supplemental security income
17 payments under title XVI of the Social Se-
18 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

19 “(iii) supplemental nutrition assist-
20 ance program benefits under the Food and
21 Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et
22 seq.); or

23 “(iv) payments under—

1 “(I) section 1315, 1521, 1541, or
2 1542 of title 38, United States Code;
3 or

4 “(II) section 306 of the Veterans’
5 and Survivors’ Pension Improvement
6 Act of 1978 (38 U.S.C. 1521 note;
7 Public Law 95–588); or

8 “(B) that has an income that—

9 “(i) as determined by the State in
10 which the household is located, does not
11 exceed the greater of—

12 “(I) an amount equal to 150 per-
13 cent of the poverty level; and

14 “(II) an amount equal to 60 per-
15 cent of the State median income for
16 that State; or

17 “(ii) does not exceed an amount, de-
18 termined by an eligible entity receiving a
19 grant under this section, that—

20 “(I) is lower than the amount de-
21 scribed in clause (i); and

22 “(II) is greater than or equal to
23 110 percent of the poverty level.

24 “(6) POVERTY LEVEL.—The term ‘poverty
25 level’ means, with respect to a household in a State,

1 the income described in the poverty guidelines issued
2 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
3 pursuant to section 673 of the Community Services
4 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902), as applicable to
5 the household.

6 “(7) SMALL COMMUNITY-SERVING WASTE-
7 WATER FACILITY.—The term ‘small community-serv-
8 ing wastewater facility’ means a covered facility that
9 provides services to municipality with a population
10 of fewer than 10,000 residents, at least 20 percent
11 of whom are at or below the poverty level.

12 “(8) STATE MEDIAN INCOME.—The term ‘State
13 median income’ has the meaning given that term in
14 section 2603 of the Low-Income Home Energy As-
15 sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8622).

16 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-
18 tablish a Federal low-income wastewater assistance
19 program to award grants to eligible entities to de-
20 velop and implement local wastewater access pro-
21 grams to assist low-income households in maintain-
22 ing access to affordable wastewater services, includ-
23 ing municipal stormwater services.

24 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL COMMUNITY-
25 SERVING WASTEWATER FACILITIES.—In order for a

1 State to be eligible to receive a grant under this sec-
2 tion for a small community-serving wastewater facil-
3 ity, the State and the small community-serving
4 wastewater facility shall enter into a memorandum
5 of understanding, under which the State shall—

6 “(A) submit to the Administrator an appli-
7 cation under paragraph (6) for the small com-
8 munity-serving wastewater facility; and

9 “(B) on receipt of a grant under this sec-
10 tion, develop and implement a local wastewater
11 access program for the small community-serv-
12 ing wastewater facility.

13 “(3) LIMITATIONS.—A grant awarded under
14 this subsection—

15 “(A) shall not be used to replace funds for
16 any existing similar local program to assist low-
17 income households in maintaining access to af-
18 fordable wastewater services, including munic-
19 ipal stormwater services; but

20 “(B) may be used to supplement or en-
21 hance such a local program.

22 “(4) TERM.—The term of a grant awarded
23 under this subsection shall be one year.

24 “(5) MINIMUM LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIRE-
25 MENTS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6
2 months after the date of enactment of this sec-
3 tion, the Administrator shall develop, in con-
4 sultation with relevant stakeholders, the min-
5 imum requirements for a local wastewater ac-
6 cess program.

7 “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The local wastewater
8 access program requirements developed under
9 subparagraph (A) may include—

10 “(i) direct financial assistance;

11 “(ii) a lifeline rate;

12 “(iii) bill discounting;

13 “(iv) special hardship provisions;

14 “(v) a percentage-of-income payment
15 plan;

16 “(vi) water efficiency assistance, in-
17 cluding subsidizing the cost of the installa-
18 tion of water efficient fixtures or leak re-
19 pair work that is carried out or contracted
20 by a homeowner; or

21 “(vii) any other form of assistance
22 identified by the Administrator.

23 “(6) APPLICATION.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To receive a grant
25 under this subsection, an eligible entity shall

1 submit to the Administrator an application that
2 demonstrates that—

3 “(i) the proposed local wastewater ac-
4 cess program meets the requirements de-
5 veloped under paragraph (5); and

6 “(ii) the proposed local wastewater ac-
7 cess program will treat households that live
8 in owner-occupied homes and households
9 that live in rental housing equitably.

10 “(B) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—In
11 the case of an eligible entity described in sub-
12 section (a)(1)(A), to receive a grant under this
13 subsection, the eligible entity shall include in an
14 application submitted under subparagraph (A)
15 information demonstrating that—

16 “(i) the eligible entity has—

17 “(I) a long-term financial plan
18 based on an analysis of the rates the
19 applicable covered facility charges for
20 services;

21 “(II) an asset management plan;

22 “(III) a capital improvement plan
23 with a period of not less than 20
24 years;

1 “(IV) a fiscal management plan;

2 or

3 “(V) another plan similar to the
4 plans described in subclauses (I)
5 through (IV);

6 “(ii) a grant awarded under this sub-
7 section would support the efforts of the eli-
8 gible entity to generate the necessary funds
9 to achieve or maintain compliance with this
10 Act while mitigating the cost to low-income
11 households; and

12 “(iii) the eligible entity has the capac-
13 ity to create and implement an effective
14 community outreach plan to inform low-in-
15 come households of the local wastewater
16 access program and assist with enrollment.

17 “(7) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this
18 subsection, the Administrator shall give priority to
19 applications for local wastewater access programs
20 with respect to which—

21 “(A) the applicable covered facility is sub-
22 ject to a consent decree relating to compliance
23 with this Act;

24 “(B) the residential customers of the appli-
25 cable covered facility have experienced rate or

1 fee increases for drinking water services or
2 wastewater services (including stormwater serv-
3 ices) of 30 percent or more during the 3-year
4 period ending on the date of enactment of this
5 section;

6 “(C) the eligible entity develops an equiva-
7 lent program, as determined by the Adminis-
8 trator, that is administered separately by the el-
9 igible entity;

10 “(D) matching funds will be provided in an
11 amount equal to or greater than the amount of
12 the grant; or

13 “(E) the eligible entity is described in sub-
14 section (a)(2)(B).

15 “(8) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of re-
17 ceiving a grant under this subsection, an eligi-
18 ble entity shall submit to the Administrator, in
19 a manner determined by the Administrator, in-
20 formation regarding the applicable local waste-
21 water access program, including—

22 “(i) key features, including—

23 “(I) rate structures, rebates, dis-
24 counts, and related initiatives that as-
25 sist low-income households;

1 “(II) billing methods that aver-
2 age rates over the course of a year,
3 known as ‘budget billing’; and

4 “(III) bill timing;

5 “(ii) sources of funding;

6 “(iii) eligibility criteria;

7 “(iv) participation rates by house-
8 holds;

9 “(v) the average amount of assistance
10 provided to low-income households that
11 participate in the program;

12 “(vi) program costs;

13 “(vii) the demonstrable impacts of the
14 program on arrearage and service dis-
15 connection for low-income households that
16 participate in the program, based on data
17 from before and after the implementation
18 of the program, to the maximum extent
19 practicable; and

20 “(viii) other relevant information re-
21 quired by the Administrator.

22 “(B) PUBLICATION.—The Administrator
23 shall annually publish a report that compiles
24 and summarizes the information submitted
25 under subparagraph (A).

1 “(9) ASSISTANCE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.—

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, assist-
3 ance provided to a low-income household under a
4 local wastewater access program shall not be includ-
5 ible in the gross income of the recipient of such as-
6 sistance for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code
7 of 1986.

8 “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator
9 shall provide technical assistance to each eligible entity
10 that receives a grant under this section to ensure—

11 “(1) full implementation of the applicable local
12 wastewater access program; and

13 “(2) maximum enrollment of low-income house-
14 holds in the applicable local wastewater access pro-
15 gram, including through—

16 “(A) community outreach campaigns; or

17 “(B) coordination with local health depart-
18 ments to determine the eligibility of households
19 for assistance.

20 “(d) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
21 on which grant funds are first disbursed to an eligible enti-
22 ty under this section, and annually thereafter, the Admin-
23 istrator shall submit to Congress a report on the results
24 of the Federal program established under this section.

1 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 is authorized to be appropriated carry out this section
3 \$4,000,000,000, to remain available until expended.”.

4 **SEC. 4. NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR NATIONWIDE RURAL AND**
5 **URBAN LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY WATER AS-**
6 **SISTANCE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
9 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
10 mental Protection Agency.

11 (2) HOUSEHOLD.—The term “household”
12 means any individual or group of individuals who
13 are living together as 1 economic unit.

14 (3) LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD.—The term
15 “low-income household” means a household—

16 (A) in which 1 or more individuals are re-
17 ceiving—

18 (i) assistance under a State program
19 funded under part A of title IV of the So-
20 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);

21 (ii) supplemental security income pay-
22 ments under title XVI of the Social Secu-
23 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

24 (iii) supplemental nutrition assistance
25 program benefits under the Food and Nu-

1 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et
2 seq.); or

3 (iv) payments under—

4 (I) section 1315, 1521, 1541, or
5 1542 of title 38, United States Code;
6 or

7 (II) section 306 of the Veterans’
8 and Survivors’ Pension Improvement
9 Act of 1978 (38 U.S.C. 1521 note;
10 Public Law 95–588); or

11 (B) that has an income that, as deter-
12 mined by the State in which the household is lo-
13 cated, does not exceed the greater of—

14 (i) an amount equal to 150 percent of
15 the poverty level; and

16 (ii) an amount equal to 60 percent of
17 the State median income for that State.

18 (4) POVERTY LEVEL.—The term “poverty
19 level” means, with respect to a household in a State,
20 the income described in the poverty guidelines issued
21 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
22 pursuant to section 673 of the Community Services
23 Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902), as applicable to
24 the household.

1 (5) STATE MEDIAN INCOME.—The term “State
2 median income” has the meaning given that term in
3 section 2603 of the Low-Income Home Energy As-
4 sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8622).

5 (b) STUDY; REPORT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
8 trator shall conduct, and submit to Congress a re-
9 port describing the results of, a study regarding the
10 prevalence throughout the United States of low-in-
11 come households that do not have access to—

12 (A) affordable and functional centralized
13 or onsite wastewater services that protect the
14 health of individuals in the households;

15 (B) affordable municipal stormwater serv-
16 ices; or

17 (C) affordable public drinking water serv-
18 ices to meet household needs.

19 (2) INCLUSIONS.—The report under paragraph
20 (1) shall include—

21 (A) recommendations of the Administrator
22 regarding the best methods to increase access
23 to the services described in paragraph (1);

24 (B) a description of the cost of each meth-
25 od described in subparagraph (A);

1 (C) a description of all consultation with
2 relevant stakeholders carried out in developing
3 the report; and

4 (D) a description of the results of the
5 study with respect to low-income households
6 that live in rental housing and do not receive
7 bills for such services, but pay for the services
8 indirectly through rent payments.

9 (3) AGREEMENTS.—The Administrator may
10 enter into an agreement with another Federal agen-
11 cy to carry out the study under paragraph (1).

